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## VISITING ORGANIST

*We welcome Mr. Steven Branyon as organist and choir director this Sunday. Mr. Branyon is a former Associate Organist and Choirmaster at St. John's.*

## ARTICLES OF RELIGION III

So far we have considered the ecumenical and historic character of the Articles, both in their American version of 1801 and their English predecessors of 1553 and 1571. Far from being the expression of a narrowly nationalistic viewpoint in religion - either English or American - they are grounded on the teaching of the Scriptures, as attested by the historic and ecumenical *consensus fidelium* of Catholic antiquity, and as shared by the reformed churches of European Christianity. Through the Articles the English and American churches locate themselves within a theological community larger than both in space and time. In an age of sectarian arrogance, this ecclesial humility and charity is impressive.

Now the Articles are not an exhaustive or encyclopedic treatment of every possible topic. On some questions - the doctrine of creation, for instance - we might they had spoken rather more. But they were designed with a practical purpose in mind: "for the avoiding of diversities of opinions and for the establishing of consent touching true religion", in the context of the 16th

century church of England. Still, these questions are of perennial importance, and they are addressed not randomly but systematically. They proceed in ordered and logical necessity from the greatest to the smallest, from the most essential to the least. So beginning with the triune God as principle (i-v) they proceed through divine revelation (vi - viii), Christ's salvation (ix - xviii), and the Church's proclamation, ending with (xx - xxxi) matters of administration both ecclesiastical (xxxii - xxxvi) and civil (xxxvii - xxxix). We begin with God, and we end with the Christian prince and magistrate; and the systematic character means that everything is seen in its logical relation to that which comes before and that which follows after. This is not a grab-bag of theological opinions, held together only by the arbitrary will of the opinionated, but (for all its brevity) an impressively coherent theological 'masterplan' that sees all particular aspects in terms of the whole.

For all the grandeur of their scope, the Articles are studied in the minimalism of their doctrinal requirements. Precise on what is essential, they are nonetheless broad on all other matters. Aiming to include the whole English people in one church, with a shared

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**STANDING NOTICES**

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary.

**HOSPITAL VISITATIONS**

Please call the Church Office to inform the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

**ST. JOHN'S WEB SITE**

Parish Paper essays may be read on our web site: [www.stjohnssav.org](http://www.stjohnssav.org)

**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN**

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed

10:30 Mr. Charles B. Compton, Jr.

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Mr. R. Gilbert Wells & Mr. William S. Willingham

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ruth McKinley by her daughter, Kathy.

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**8:00** Lindsay Pindar  
**10:30** Chris Dixon  
Charles Perrie, Hunt Wasden  
Turner Stevens, Phillip Inglesby  
Funn Repella, Edwin Shepherd

**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. James C. Pedrick

**ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.**

*St. John's Gospel* Fr. Dunbar, Reading Room  
David Noble's class will resume in the fall.

**MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

**Thursday 7 a.m., Samuel, Fr. Dunbar, Reading Rm**

**SIGN UP FOR A SUMMER MORNING!**

Parents & Grandparents are asked to sign up for one Sunday this summer, to teach a simple story-lesson to the Pre-School/Kindergarten class at 10:30 a.m. Sign-up in Cranmer Hall or call the **Summer Nursery and Preschool Coordinator**, Mrs. Morgan (Anne) Murray at 355-5684.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**CANCELLED**

The Vacation Bible School scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup>—18th has been cancelled.

**HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR (11/12 & 13)**

Volunteer Needed to run *Food Order & Preparation*. Great for a man or a woman. Primary focus: ordering foodstuffs, picking them up, and *chopping chicken*. Training and support provided. For more details, call Erica Jarman 398-0138.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

rule of faith, the Articles have (as J. I. Packer says), "the comprehensiveness that results from keeping doctrinal requirements down to a minimum and allowing the maximum of flexibility and variety on secondary matters. The Articles are in this sense minimal ... but they are meant to ensure that all Anglican clergy, whatever their views on other matters, should unite in teaching an Augustinian doctrine of sin and a Reformed doctrine of justification and grace."

The unity of the Church is first of all theological, and only secondarily administrative. As W. J. Hankey wrote, "the church, its existence, its specific form, the administrative matters and relations with the secular reality which follow on its existence, come out of the gospel; the church comes out of and follows on the truth known and declared". In the current confusion of the church, its inability to sort out the conflict of theological opinions, its despair of the truth, it has sought to locate unity in administrative process. But the Articles proceed from a confidence in the truth that is in Jesus, that by his grace (as the Prayer for the Church puts it) "all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live together in unity and godly love". The church's unity is fundamentally a matter of truth and charity, which is to say it is a spiritual unity, a matter of mind and will brought together in submission to the revealed Word of God, before it is

an administrative one.

We may apply this principle to our present situation by recognizing that theological differences cannot be resolved by merely administrative means. If we truly cared about tolerance, we would not try to erase all differences or pretend there were none: we would seek respectfully to live with them and to clarify them. This is the first step for the church to rediscover its unity in the truth. GGD

### PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

#### Monday to Thursday

*Morning and Evening Prayer*  
8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

#### In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*  
10 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

#### Friday, July 4th

INDEPENDENCE DAY  
*Office closed. No daily services.*

### APOSTLES & MARTYRS

*This Sunday's Collect (p. 244) is amplified with a clause suggested by Dean Cosin in 1662, honoring the ancient association of Peter and Paul as martyrs in Rome:*

O Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thine Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed thy flock; *And madest thine Apostle Saint Paul a chosen vessel to bear thy Name amongst the Gentiles*; Make, we beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory.

**8:00 A.M. — HOLY COMMUNION**

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*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.*9:30-12:00 Noon —Nursery (*Cranmer Hall*)**9:30—10:30 A.M. —ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (*Cranmer Hall*)**

9:30 a.m. – Noon— Preschool-Kindergarten Summer Program

*(Cranmer Hall –activities for children during the 9:30 education and/or 10:30 service times)***10:30 A.M. – SUNG EUCHARIST AND ADDRESS**HYMN #549 *The Son of God Goes Forth to War* ..... All Saints New**ANTE-COMMUNION**

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ADDRESS..... Fr. Dunbar

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